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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **CITY COUNCIL AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HEAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY INTEGRATION**

**Fresno, CA. (January 30, 2007)** - The Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce will facilitate a joint meeting between the Fresno City Council and Fresno County Board of Supervisors on Thursday, February 1, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the New Exhibit Hall, Rooms 2015-2018. The purpose of this meeting is to listen to the recommendations made by the four task forces that were created out of the first joint meeting on July 20, 2006.

This effort derived from both Fresno Police Chief Jerry Dryer and County Sheriff Richard Pierce when they asked the Chamber to envision the metropolitan area in 10 years and identify what public safety services and systems should be and ensure they will be cost efficient and of the quality expected by our businesses and residents. The Chamber took up their offer. After the joint meeting in July of 2006 the Chamber was tasked with putting together task forces to collectively look at four areas: Joint Dispatch, Joint Prisoner Processing, Evidence and Property, and Governance.

“The amount of man hours that have been put into these efforts over the past seven months has been tremendous. Each task force has conducted extensive research, debated crucial issues, and have managed to arrive at recommendations in which all entities could agree. Our hope now is that our elected officials will make something happen to improve the lives of all citizens in the greater Fresno area,” stated Al Smith, President and CEO of the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce.